

Guidelines for OPHA's Online Join:

Please check the OPHA Rulebook for guidelines on divisions and classes you wish to compete in.

Membership:

- On the OPHA website, click the "Join" tab.
- Join or Renew yourself first
- If you have not joined for the current year, make sure the box "I am a current member (just recording horses)" is UNCHECKED. If you are member for the current year and are just adding a horse, make sure this box is checked and proceed.
- **Schooling Show Rider** is ONLY for those competing in the Groundpoles, Crosspoles, Pre-Limit, Limit, Novice, the Schooling Rider Medal, and Intro Jumper. If you are a Schooling Show Rider, you do not need to nominate a horse, unless you wish the horse to compete for points in Hunter and/or Jumper divisions with another rider.
- Juniors and Amateurs, select the equitation divisions you would like to receive points for.
- Be sure the correct charge for your membership type comes up. If it does not, see if the box "I am a current member etc" has a check mark in it. If so, uncheck it and the correct charge should come up. For example, if you are a Junior or an Amateur member, the charge should read \$50. If you are a Professional, it should read \$40. If you are a Schooling Show Rider, it should read \$45.

Horse Nominations:

- If you want points in Hunter or Jumper Divisions, press "Click to register your horse." Select the divisions you would like to receive points for. **NOTE:** You must pay the nomination fee for the horse in order for points to be earned. If you are riding someone else's horse, the owner must also be an OPHA member. If you are leasing a horse, the owner must also be an OPHA member, unless you have a recorded lease with the USEF.
- If you change horses in a Hunter or Jumper division, we can transfer the nomination fee to the new horse, but we cannot transfer points from the old horse to the new one (this applies to Hunter and Jumper divisions; the horse is not counted in Equitation).

Similar Division Names:

Shows often count for year-end points in multiple organizations, and sometimes the names are slightly different. The most important factor when asking if a division or a class counts for OPHA points is whether the specifications match. For example, the Walk/Trot/Canter 18" division is generally equivalent to OPHA's Pre-Limit Rider division. Another example is the Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper division's fences are too low at some shows, and the Novice Children's/Adult Jumper division counts for OPHA points instead.

Please refer to the OPHA Rulebook, and you may also contact Heather Lampman at hflampman@gmail.com (text 440-479-7905) if you have questions.